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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as shown below, in which changes are shown with strikethrough and/or underscoring.

1 - 7 Cancelled.

8. (Currently amended) A hydrophilic member ~~according to claim 12,~~
comprising:

a tin oxide layer having a rutile structure formed on a surface of a substrate;
an overcoat layer formed on the surface of said tin oxide layer, wherein said
overcoat layer has a surface polarity opposite to that of tin oxide, is selected from at
least one of silicon oxide, aluminum oxide, zirconium oxide, ceric oxide, and titanium
oxide, and the mean surface roughness (R_a) of the top surface thereof is within a range
of 0.5 to 25 nm; and

an undercoat film disposed between the surface of said substrate and said tin
oxide layer, said undercoat film acting as a barrier against alkali;

wherein said undercoat film is a layered body of tin oxide and silicon oxide.

9 -20 Cancelled.